

Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

(PTO/SB/01)

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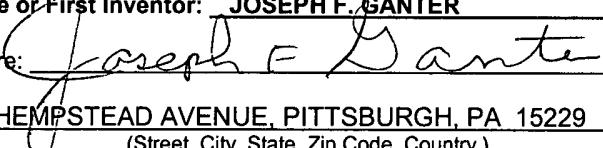
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